

27, 2020 on the Emergency Reporting Act. On March 10, 2020, the Subcommittee marked up the Emergency Reporting Act, and the full Committee did so on July 15, 2020. On September 21, 2020, the full House passed the bill via voice vote. Sadly, the Senate did not take up this critical bill.

On February 25, 2021, the legislation was reintroduced by Reps. DORIS MATSUI, MIKE THOMPSON, JARED HUFFMAN, GUS BILIRAKIS, and myself. Senators KLOBUCHAR and BURR have companion legislation in the Senate.

H.R. 1250 is critical legislation for Californians impacted by wildfires. It will also help those on the Gulf Coast victimized by hurricanes, Midwesterners who've had their communities destroyed by tornadoes, and those in the Northeast who have experienced far too many superstorms.

I urge my House colleagues to once again vote for the Emergency Reporting Act and urge the Senate to do so as well.

**CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF
THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN
WARS (VFW) POST 805 IN
O'FALLON, ILLINOIS**

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of SGT. Charles A. Fricke VFW Post 805 in O'Fallon, Illinois. On July 25, 1921, 25 members of the United States of America VFW established the Erwin L. Dann VFW Post 805 in Waterloo, which moved to East St. Louis and consolidated with two other posts in 1927. Sergeant Dann, a Waterloo native, was 22 years old when he was killed during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive on September 26, 1918. A generation later, a separate group of East St. Louis veterans returned home from World War II and established SGT. Charles A. Fricke VFW Post 8475 on October 15, 1946. Sergeant Charles A. "Chub" Fricke was one of 18 employees of the city's Alcoa Aluminum Ore Factory who perished during the war. He was mortally injured by a mortar shell during the Battle of Anzio, passing away four days later at the age of 20. On April 29, 1987, the two posts were consolidated into one, based in O'Fallon. In order to preserve the legacy of both posts, they maintained the number from the longer-tenured post, 805, and carried the name from the other, SGT. Charles A. Fricke. Today, SGT. Charles A. Fricke VFW Post 805 has about 600 members and is the largest VFW Post in the 14th District of the Department of Illinois. Several times over the last 100 years, VFW Post 805 has been designated as an All-State and All-American VFW Post, including in 2021. In 2018–2019, Post 805 was selected as one of 61 posts out of 6200 worldwide to be recognized as a National Outstanding Community Service Post. One of the most active and successful VFW Posts in Illinois, members work together to serve and support fellow veterans, their families, and the community. They have organized blood drives and maintain one of the most active and prestigious Honor Guard and Color Guard teams in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Madam Speaker, please join me in hon-

oring the SGT. Charles A. Fricke VFW Post 805 on their milestone Centennial Anniversary. On behalf of Southern Illinois, I thank them for their service, and happy anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, my flight was delayed three hours causing me to depart North Carolina after the vote began. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 209.

**APPRECIATING DONALD
RUMSFELD**

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, America has lost a Patriot with the death of former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, the youngest Secretary when serving in the Gerald Ford Administration and the eldest in the George W. Bush Administration. His service has been successful in protecting American families by defeating terrorists overseas. The Wall Street Journal on July 1st, editorialized his dedication for America:

DONALD H. RUMSFELD

Few men have had more consequential careers in public and private life than Donald Rumsfeld, the senior adviser to three Presidents and business executive, who died Tuesday at age 88.

A conservative Midwesterner, he served in the Navy and won a seat in Congress from Illinois in 1962. Richard Nixon spotted his talent and brought him in as an adviser. His star rose quickly and he became chief of staff and then secretary of Defense for Gerald Ford, the youngest Pentagon chief at age 43.

Outside of politics, Rummy, as he was sometimes known, was the CEO of G.D. Searle, the pharmaceutical firm, from 1977–1985 and advised Gilead Sciences in its early days as a director and chairman of the board.

Rumsfeld was most controversial during his second stint as Defense secretary in managing the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He pressed the military to refine its invasion plans that in both cases achieved their goals quickly and with few casualties. But he underestimated the strength and nature of the insurgency in Iraq, and he failed to change strategy. President George W. Bush didn't help by failing to settle disputes between State and Defense. Mr. Bush replaced Rumsfeld in 2006 to implement the surge that prevented a U.S. defeat.

Rumsfeld didn't suffer naifs, or journalists, gladly. But we always enjoyed the give and take and learned a great deal listening to him. He was a patriot willing to challenge recalcitrant bureaucracies, which we need more of today.

**CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND
LEGACY OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
POLICE CHIEF ROBERT
BROWDER**

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Springfield Township Police Chief Robert Browder for his service to our community.

Chief Browder began his career in law enforcement in 1986 as a Police Dispatcher, before being sworn in as a Police Officer with the Golf Manor Police Department in 1988.

After spending over two decades in law enforcement, he was promoted to Assistant Police Chief of Springfield Township. He served as Assistant Police Chief for 10 years, overseeing all department operations, before being promoted to Chief of Police in 2015.

Throughout his distinguished career, Chief Browder has served the Hamilton County Association of Chiefs of Police as Treasurer in 2016, Vice President in 2017, and President in 2018.

In addition to his service in law enforcement, Rob is a dedicated husband and father. His accomplishments throughout his career attest to his integrity, perseverance, and moral strength.

Chief Browder served with diligence and honor throughout his career. I thank Rob for his service to our community. I wish him the best in his retirement.

**CONGRATULATING GARRETT L.
RESSING ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM FEDERAL SERVICE**

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House to join me in recognizing Garrett L. Rensing for his thirty years of outstanding federal service as a civilian attorney for the Department of the Navy's Office of the General Counsel (OGC). He lives in Southern Maryland, in the Fifth District, and I am honored to represent him and so many other talented and hardworking federal civilian employees in Congress.

Since he began his distinguished career with OGC in 1990, Garrett has held several attorney positions. Notably, he became a member of the Senior Executive Service in November 2008. In April 2015, he was selected to serve as the Deputy General Counsel, and in March 2019 he was designated Principal Deputy General Counsel. During his tenure in this last position as the Navy Department's most senior career attorney, Garrett twice served as the Acting General Counsel of the Navy—a presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed position—from March 2019 to January 2020 and again from January 2021 to August 2021.

Garrett excelled at advising the Secretary of the Navy during an unprecedented global pandemic. He provided steady leadership during a time of major change within the Department of the Navy and furnished crucial legal and operational advice necessary to move the Navy